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SUBJECT: NEW PRC AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW

1. PRC CHARGE WANG CHIN-CH'ING HAS INFORMED US THAT
SOVIETS GRANTED AGREEMENT ON MAY 30 FOR NEW PRC AMBASSADOR,
WHOM HE IDENTIFIED AS WANG YOU-PING, WHO IS (OR WAS)
PEKING'S AMBASSADOR TO MALAYSIA. WANG DESCRIBED THE NEW
AMBASSADOR AS AN EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT, HAVING PREVIOUSLY
SERVED AT SEVEN POSTS.

2. COMMENT: THE CHINESE HAD BEEN SAYING SINCE EARLY
LAST YEAR THAT AMBASSADOR LIU HSIN-CHUAN WOULD BE
REPLACED BY LI YAO-WEN, THEN AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA
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AND PREVIOUSLY A DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER. CHINESE
EMBOFFS AND SOVIET OFFICIALS SAID THAT AGREEMENT FOR
LI HAD BEEN REQUESTED AND GIVEN EVEN BEFORE LIU LEFT.
LI WAS FIRST REPORTED BY PRC EMBOFFS AS HAVING
RETURNED TO PEKING FOR REST AND MEDICAL CARE (REPORTED-
LY EYE PROBLEMS) AND MORE RECENTLY AS AWAITING THE
RESULTS OF MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR HIS WIFE. CHINESE

EMBOFFS PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW WHETHER LI'S POLITICAL HEALTH MAY HAVE ALSO BEEN AFFECTED BY THE EVENTS IN CHINA, INCLUDING THE REPLACEMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA, OVER THE PAST YEAR. WE CANNOT JUDGE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF LI'S APPOINTMENT FOR HIS OWN STANDING, OR OF WANG YOU-PING'S APPOINTMENT FOR HIS, BUT SOME DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES ARE SPECULATING THAT IF WANG IS NOT A CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (AS HIS PREDECESSORS HAVE BEEN), HIS APPOINTMENT MAY REPRESENT SOME DOWNGRADING OF THE MOSCOW EMBASSY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BIO DATA ON WANG YOU-PING WHICH ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE.
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